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## OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

## **MEMORANDUM**



October 15, 1980

FROM Stephen A. Woods
SUBJECT Cahokia (Dead Creek) Investigation

The attached map is my hand drawn copy of a hand drawn map showed to me by Pete Lauman on September 26, 1980 at our meeting. Pete said the map was drawn by the annonymous Mr. Hopewell.

The map shows the 3 acre area where the Leo Sauget dump was operated. It also shows where an alleged pit is located. The alleged pit supposedly contains a large amount of dangerous chemicals burried their. Mr. Hopewell told Pete Lauman that he could name the chemicals and added that if they were dug up he would not want to be around because of the possibility of danger to him or anyone in the area.

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## Pete Laumann Statement - Dead Dog in Dead Creek

Memorial Day weekend Pete Laumann went camping with friends. He left his two dogs with his next door neighbor. When he came home on Monday evening Pete and his friends sat around drinking. One of the dogs was barking for a long time. About 5 p.m. Pete went to see what the dog was barking at. The male terrier was biting at the ground which was smouldering. He had a reddish orange dust all over him. About 9 or 10 p.m. Pete gave him a bath. The dog appeared to be O.K. The next morning about 10:30 a.m. Pete went to feed the dogs. female appeared. Pete looked for the male and found him lying beside the doghouse dead. On the side of the dog and on its belly were bare spots, like mange. inside of the dog's mouth was white. A friend put the dog in a plastic bag and put him in the garbage. A couple weeks later the female terrier started showing bare patches of skin on her legs and a discoloration on her paws, looking kind of raw. Pete put her on a leash and it cleared right up. During this time the Fire Department had been coming out and trying to extinguish the fire which kept popping up in the ditch. They used water and sand. Pete stated that he never sees any animals in the area of the ditch. Birds, rabbits, etc. He also said that although the pit has been there for several years there were no fish in it, but a lot of black frogs. Pete lives next to the ditch, first house on left (north side) on Judith Lane. Pete purchased property about 2 years ago.

> Pete Laumann 105 Judity Lane Cahokia, Illinois 62206

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Dorothy Lindley 1159 Smith St. Cahokia Heights

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Lived in first or second house from Dead Creek (south side). Moved 10 years ago. Pete Laumann said she may be helpful. She has a son named Sam.

Gary Miller Cahokia - somewhere

28 years old

Works for G.A.F. floor covering in St. Louis. His mother owns 107 Judith Lane. His girlfriend rents it. The girlfriend drives a gold firebird. Gary has lived in area all his life. Information - Pete Laumann.

3rd house on left

Rick McDonald 109 Judith Lane Cahokia, Illinois 62206

Phone: 332-7857

Volunteer fireman, works for Monsanto. He was involved in putting out a lot of the fires from the ditch (Dead Creek). He has lived in the area all his life. I talked to his wife, he wasn't home. She asked about a second secret list of chemicals not made public by E.P.A. I said I knew nothing about it.

Charles McDonald 111 Judith Lane Cahokia, Illinois 62206

Phone: 337-5573

Parents of-Rick, lived on Judith Lane 30 years. Mr. McDonald is 62 years old and has worked for Monsanto

Charles McDonald (cont'd.)

refuse, old chemicals and chemical residue to the Sanget dump daily. He said sometime the chemicals were mixed with the refuse from the plant and sometimes it was in 55 gallon drums full of P.C.B.s.

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